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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPANISH SALES OF 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES

1. OFFICIAL OF MFA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
DIRECTORATE, PEREZ-MAURA, STATES GOS HAS RECEIVED THROUGH
SPANISH EMBASSY CAIRO URGENT EGYPTIAN REQUEST TO BUY
100 RECOILLESS RIFLES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. PEREZ-MAURA
STATES GOS FORMALLY REQUESTS US AUTHORITY TO MAKE SALE,
NOTING IMPORTANCE DEAL WOULD HAVE IN MAINTAINING SPAIN'S
FAVORABLE TIES WITH EGYPT DURING PARTICULARLY CRITICAL
PERIOD. HE ADDED THAT EGYPTIANS KNOW THAT SALE MUST HAVE
US APPROVAL AND WOULD CONSIDER IT FRIENDLY ACT IF US
IMPOSED NO OBJECTION, PARTICULARLY AT TIME BOTH SIDES
MOVING TOWARD RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS.

2. PEREZ-MAURA STRESSED NOW FAMILIAR THEME THAT US AS
WELL AS GOS BENEFITS FROM CONTINUATION OF GOOD GOS-ARAB
RELATIONS. HE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF IMPORTANCE TO SPAIN OF
FAVORABLE TIES WITH EGYPT AS ELEMENT IN SPAIN'S GOOD
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STANDING WITH ARABS WITH REGARD TO PETROLEUM SUPPLIES.

3. HE ALSO REQUESTED US APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR SALE OF 55 106'S TO CHILEAN ARMED FORCES. IN THIS CASE, PEREZ-MAURA NOTED THAT CHILEANS DEFINITELY INTERESTED BUT THAT THERE IS SOME DOUBT IN CHILE THAT ARMED FORCES BUDGET WILL NOW PERMIT PURCHASE.

4. IN VIEW OF CONFUSED SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST, EMBOFF DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WHAT US POSITION MIGHT BE ON SALE TO EGYPT BUT PROMISED TO GET DEPARTMENT'S REPLY FOR GOS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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